

THE EVENING CRITIC.

ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1868.

Special Weather Bulletin.

The special bulletin issued from the Signal Office to-day says:

The indications are that the weather will continue clear and fair in the Middle and South Atlantic States until Thursday morning, followed during Thursday by increasing cloudiness and slowly rising temperature.

PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS

About People and Things in Washington.

HUFF's black goods store, 713 1/2 st. n. w. Yesterday made forty-nine arrests during yesterday and last night.

STREET-LAMPS will be lighted at 5:05 p. m. and extinguished at 3 a. m.

A MARRIAGE LICENSE has been issued to Henry E. Hinch and Clara G. Randall. Two coroners were stolen from the hall of Lieut. Coffin's house, on I street, last evening by sneak thieves.

LADIES are particularly interested in the great bargains in Ladies' Vests at B. J. Behrend's, 518 Seventh street.

GEORGE CLARKSON, an incorrigible white boy, was sent to the Reform School to-day during minority at the request of his mother.

A COAT and hat stolen from the hall of R. W. Hobson's house, No. 1217 Eleventh street, were recovered by the detectives and returned to-day.

The funeral of Second-Lieut. Satterlee C. Plummer took place this afternoon from his late residence, No. 1811 G street, and was largely attended.

The highest cash prices paid for dresses and gents' clothing, watches, jewelry, etc. Call or address H. H. H. Jewell, 518 Ninth street, near Pennsylvania avenue.

DETECTIVE McDEVITT discovered fire this morning in the rear of No. 608 F street southwest and notified Engine Company No. 4, which extinguished the flames.

WELD LOWRIE, a colored man employed by the Forensic Science Company, was badly hurt last night by an elephant he was tending. He was taken to the Freedman's Hospital.

DANIEL HAY was introduced to Judge Snell to-day on the charge of stealing a valuable set of surgical instruments from the office of Dr. Tyler. The case was continued.

OLD Dr. Sam, Johnson once said that the "claim of patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel." Guitauon proves the truth of the assertion when he announces: "I am a patriot."

DR. BALL, who has figured quite prominently in the Christianian divorce suit, was bounced yesterday from a \$1,400 clerkship in the Pension Office. Surely the way of a persecutor of woman is hard.

"BILLY THE KID" is dead, but New York is proud in the possession of "Paddy the Back," one Joseph Gardner, who is at present held for shooting and fatally murdering a police officer in that city.

MYRIADS of people sacrifice themselves through carelessness. They are attacked with a cold, neglect it and die, instead of taking Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and living on usefully. Price 25 cents a bottle.

EX-MINISTER CHRISTIANCY to-day called at Police Headquarters and left word that he would give an additional \$1,000 reward for the recovery of the jewelry stolen from his room in the National Hotel in September last.

CHARLES SAUNDERS, a colored refugee from the Prince George County reform school, was sent to jail for sixty days to-day by Judge Snell for the larceny of articles of clothing from a trunk in the Tyson House stable.

THE meteoric shower which occurs every year about this time was the last evening, but did not show up in very large proportions. There were only a few stars, and the display was not as brilliant as has been seen in the heavens.

VICTORIA BROOKS, colored, robbed a rival belle residence on Ocean Hill, of a fashionable wardrobe, consisting of a silk blouse, a bonnet, and numerous other articles to the value of seventy-five cents and has been sent to jail for thirty days.

THE fifteenth annual convention of the American Institute of Architects commenced to-day in this city. The president, Mr. Thomas C. Walter, will call the association to order, and the annual address will be delivered by J. H. B. Latrobe.

A COLORED washerwoman stole a valuable diamond ring last evening from a young lady boarded at the corner of the corner of the Holy Cross. Detective Connor recovered the ring, but the young lady declined to prosecute or for her name had been public.

R. K. HIGGINOTHAM, a visitor in this city from Indiana, fell on Pennsylvania avenue, near Seventh street, yesterday and bruised his head badly. He was carried to the Providence Hospital. It is feared that the gentleman will lose the use of one eye.

ROBERT WELLS, a colored man, lightened the bill of Dennis O'Neal, alias Denis Quig's, bar-room of between twenty-five and thirty dollars in May last, and went to Baltimore for his health. He returned this week, and has registered at the corner of Crocker's District Hotel for thirty days.

MR. J. W. BUEL, the author of "The Border Outlaws," and "McDonald's Secrets of the Great Whisky Ring," and "Eighteen Months in the Penitentiary," is at Wilbur's, Mr. Buel lives at St. Louis, and here for the purpose of getting points about the capital with a view of writing a history of Washington life.

THE Southern Republican Association met last night at the office of Judge Pelham, and the committee appointed to confer with the President as to the Southern policy reported that he had fixed a day next week when he would meet them and have a free consultation in regard to matters of interest to the South.

JOSEPH T. GORDON, through his counsel, Thomas F. Miller, has entered suit against Frederick W. Bergman for slander, and claiming \$10,000 damages. The offense consisted in saying that the plaintiff kept a disreputable house at the corner of First street and Pennsylvania avenue.

SARAH A. DECKER to-day filed a bill in equity, praying a divorce from her husband, Lewis Decker. The parties were married in Baltimore, Md., on the 15th of April, 1859, and lived together until November, 1875, when she charges that he deserted her and has since failed to contribute to her support.

THE Historic and Literary Association of Union Bethel A. M. E. Church held its first meeting last night, quite a large audience being present. An essay on "The Elements of True Womanhood" was read by Miss Annie E. Gray, who was warmly applauded for her eloquence.

THE "Ancient Egyptians" was the subject of the John HOGUE was arrested and tried in the Police Court to-day for allowing his cart to stand in a public alley, thereby obstructing the same. This is the first case tried under Judge Cox's decision concerning the occupation of public alleys and streets for private purposes. Judge Snell stated that as \$25 was the lowest fine in this case, and that seemed too great, he would suspend sentence.

Children's Clothing.

The rush for children's clothing to the popular establishment of B. Robinson & Co., 909 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, continues unabated, and every purchaser speaks in the highest terms of praise of the splendid bargains made there. The line of boys' overcoats attracts special attention.

SWIFT-FOOTED COURSE.

How They Flew Around the Track Yesterday.

The first day of the fall meeting of the National Association occurred yesterday. The weather was delightful, the track in fine condition, but the attendance was small. This last feature is greatly to be deplored, as the racing was excellent, and the fact that less than a thousand people were present to witness the same shows that our citizens lack the proper appreciation of the enterprise and energy of the gentlemen of the association.

To-day, however, a larger concourse is expected, and those who love the noble sport and remain absent are the losers of a rare treat.

The course yesterday presented a beautiful appearance, the atmosphere was rich in the radiance of a perfect Indian summer's sun, and the keen, bracing breeze seemed to be a life-giving wind blowing from the confinement of a cut-glass goblet. The fates favored the races, and all of the spectators entered into the spirit of the day with the keenest zest.

The first race, a mile dash, was unpleasantly delayed by numerous false starts and pleasure in it handicapped by what at the time seemed to be a serious accident. The jockey of Burnham's Capias, a little chap weighing less than seventy pounds, was thrown in one of the "falses," his horse rolling above him, and, as was supposed, treading upon him. Fortunately the supposition was incorrect, as the jockey's right foot found between the horse's arm and side, missing both, and started off at a rapid gallop around the entire track, and like a well-bred animal, having completed the course, went quietly to his stable. The lad—Higgs—was carried, crying bitterly and too loud to be much hurt, to the club house, where it was found that he was only slightly bruised; no bones were broken, but his left arm was roughly wrenched. He will be sore for about a week.

In this the first race, one mile for all ages that have not won since October 1, Ike Bonham was the winner, in 1:47, Buster second and Col. Sprague, the favorite in the pool, third.

Somerville's three-year-old filly Mrs. Chubb, a beautiful animal, as graceful as an antelope, was largely bet upon, but came in far back in the race. She is too light and trained down too fine.

Competition, Gov. Bowie's horse, was the favorite in the second race, and won. The distance was one and one-half miles. Four horses entered. The race was close. Mr. Colman's Spark was second, and his Valparaiso placed as third, time, 3:48.

The most interesting race of the day was the third; eight horses entered: Little Buttercup, Sweet Home, Starline, Honduras, Marchioness, Bob Liddle, Amazon and Strathguy. The race was not expected to be a close one. Strathguy was such on the outside, and all betting against him found ready takers. He disappointed his backers, however. This race—one and one-half miles—was won by Little Buttercup, Sweet Home second, Starline third, time, 1:58. Strathguy came in last. The time of this race was exceedingly fine—the best ever made in the world in a one and one-half mile race being 1:55.

Three horses entered the closing race of two miles—Brambleta, Kenny and Mary Anderson. Kenny, a magnificent, powerful 8-year-old, was almost equally divided among all three. In the first heat, Brambleta led in 3:54; Kenny second. The second heat was won after the same manner—Brambleta leading, Kenny second and Mary Anderson last, time, 3:43.

It was generally believed that Jim Vandevere would have won the one and one-half mile heat; but he got his mouth hurt, and ran away with his jockey before the start, covering the track four times before he could be pulled in, and was of course withdrawn.

To-day's racing will be very fine. The following is the average of pool-selling on their last night:

First race—One and one-half miles (Governor Hampton, \$50; Viola, \$20; Starline, \$15; Franklin and Maggie C., \$10; Judge Murray, \$5; field, comprising Frank Short, Jerry and Marchioness, \$14).

Second race—Lafayette stakes, one mile dash; Frankie B., \$35; Lettina, \$10, and Belle of the North, \$5.

Third race—Mile heats; Wildmore, \$50; Blue Lodge, \$41; Jack of Hearts, \$30; Valparaiso, \$17; Black Prince, \$10, and Wakefield, \$5.

Fourth race—Steeplechase; Ingomar, \$50; Lord George, formerly Bashi Bazon, \$35; Kate Long, \$30; Kittie Clark, \$15, and field, M. C. McDonald, Auburn and Judge Murray, \$15.

The Races To-day.

The track was in perfect condition to-day and the attendance was nearly double that of yesterday.

The first race, one and one-half miles, was won by Gov. Hampton; the favorite, Starline, second, and Viola third, time, 2:47.

After the first race it was claimed that Hampton fouled, and for a few minutes the pools were not paid, but the foul claim was repudiated by the judges and the pools were paid.

The second race, mile dash for two-year-olds, three running, was won by Frankie B., Lettina second, Belle of the North third, time, 1:57.

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Work of the Patent Office.

The report of the Patent Office Commissioner is incorporated in Secretary Kirkwood's report, showing that during the year there were 15,775 patents granted, being an increase of 1,526 over the previous year. The total receipts of the office were \$729,395.52, an increase over the previous year of \$59,348.40. More room is asked for the Patent Office, and an increase in the clerical force is suggested. The Secretary discussed the question of "How far the Secretary of the Interior has appellate power over the Commissioner of Patents." He enters into an exhaustive review of the case, and submits a decision of Assistant Attorney-General McMahon, of the Interior Department, on the subject.

This decision, in which the Secretary concurs, holds that the final discretion in all matters relating to the granting of patents is lodged in the Secretary of the Interior.

This decision, the Secretary says, will necessitate some radical changes in the practice of the Patent Office, unless Congress shall restrict the supervisory power of the Secretary to acts purely administrative.

Attention is called to the fact that injustice is sometimes done by the courts in deciding that two patents have issued for the same invention, thus declaring one void and the other patented liable to pay a royalty, though he was acting in good faith, and no legislation is recommended on this point.

If You Want to be well dressed, go to Eisman Bros., corner Seventh and E.

Forepang's Circus.

Forepang's grand aggregation of circus and menagerie passed through the city to-day on their way to Philadelphia, where they will winter for the winter. In this connection we are authorized by Mr. S. H. Semon, one of Forepang's agents, to say that there is not the slightest foundation for the paragraph which has found its way in some of the newspapers that Mr. Forepang had sold out to P. T. Barnum or contemplated such a thing. On the contrary, Forepang will start out next spring with many new and excellent features added to his already magnificent show. He has no idea of abandoning the business, in the conduct of which he has done so much to please the public in nearly every city and town of the United States.

Hos. S. S. Cox sailed yesterday from Liverpool for home.

AMUSEMENTS.

The National.

Again last night Salsbury's Troubadours delighted a fashionable and appreciative audience. There is scarcely a city in the country where the satire of this comedy of Bronson Howard is more keenly appreciated than in Washington, which is the theatre of their several States in the National Grange Congress, Patron of Husbandry, which met in the dining-room of the National Hotel at 11 a. m. to-day. The congress sits in secret. The particular work to be done by it is to receive reports from the several State Granges relative to the progress of the organization. The main objects that the farmer has in view is to educate the farmer up to a higher standard in the art of agriculture. They pay some attention to political economy. They want equal taxation and cheaper transportation, and are educating the farmers of the country to a more thorough knowledge of these great and interesting questions. The grangers have in each county a township grange, which reports to the county grange; the county grange reports to the State grange, and the State to the National Grange. Another peculiarity of the order that the township, county, State and National granges all have the same number of officers.

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Chicago & St. Louis & N. O. 81 81 1/2

Del. & Maryland. 100 100 1/2

Denver & Rio Grande. 83 83 1/2

Illinois Central. 124 124 1/2

Lake Shore. 120 120 1/2

Lake Erie & Western. 62 62 1/2

Missouri Pacific. 100 100 1/2

N. & W. 42 42 1/2

N. Y. Central. 124 124 1/2

N. Y. & New England. 41 41 1/2

Norfolk & Western. 20 20 1/2

Ohio & Pacific. 41 41 1/2

Omaha & Western. 41 41 1/2

Pacific Mail. 125 125 1/2

Reading. 100 100 1/2

St. Paul. 100 100 1/2

St. Paul & Northern Pacific. 40 40 1/2

Union Pacific. 120 120 1/2

Western Union. 86 86 1/2

Valley & Hudson. 40 40 1/2

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PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

Annual Session of the National Grange Congress.

The corridors of the National Hotel were alive this morning with the horny-handed and hard-fisted yeomanry of the country. These gentlemen are here as the representatives of their several States in the National Grange Congress, Patron of Husbandry, which met in the dining-room of the National Hotel at 11 a. m. to-day. The congress sits in secret. The particular work to be done by it is to receive reports from the several State Granges relative to the progress of the organization. The main objects that the farmer has in view is to educate the farmer up to a higher standard in the art of agriculture. They pay some attention to political economy. They want equal taxation and cheaper transportation, and are educating the farmers of the country to a more thorough knowledge of these great and interesting questions. The grangers have in each county a township grange, which reports to the county grange; the county grange reports to the State grange, and the State to the National Grange. Another peculiarity of the order that the township, county, State and National granges all have the same number of officers.

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THE DEPARTMENTS.

The President will take possession of the White House on the 1st prox.

The national bank notes received for redemption to-day were \$208,000.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY: Internal revenue, \$463,925.74; customs, \$632,936.99.

The commission of Hon. Charles J. Folger as Secretary of the Treasury was issued to-day, having been signed by the President only yesterday.

COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY KNOX has ordered an assessment of 100 per cent. upon the shareholders of the defunct Newark National Bank.

SOLICITOR RAYMOND, of the Treasury has decided that while the law provides for the withholding the pay of a civil officer, who is in debt to the government, it does not apply to an innocent surety. The question arose in the case of the appraiser of merchandise at New Orleans, who is the surety for a defaulting collector of internal revenue.

THE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

Efforts to Advance the Interests of a Noble Charity.

Of all the institutions of charity in the District, the most serviceable to the public is the Emergency Hospital. The readiness with which the managers receive and make comfortable the helpless and injured stamps them as humanitarians of the highest order.

The Emergency Hospital is an institution of general benefit, not confined to the rich or poor. The man of wealth or the stranger suddenly injured upon the highway is taken by the police authorities to this comfortable depository, where every attention is bestowed upon him. The man of poverty stricken down by misfortune, perhaps without name or home, finds also a safe and careful refuge here, and we do not hesitate to say that he receives as good treatment as his rich neighbor.

The rich have no preference over the friends.

A large number of our best citizens, both male and female, have interested themselves in this institution. This morning a joint Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

of the Free Dispensary and Emergency Hospital and the executive committee of the board of lady visitors was held.

The object of the meeting was to confer together and devise means by which funds could be raised for the maintenance of the dispensary and hospital, which were recently merged into one. There were present Messrs. Jesse H. Wilson, president; B. U. Keyser, secretary; W. W. Barker, W. E. Woodward, Drs. S. M. Burnett, H. H. Barker, George L. Magruder, W. C. Briscoe, F